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Sir:

As per the request of Examiner Jackson, listed below are the pending claims of the above-identified application.

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1. (Previously presented) An optical communication system comprising an external cavity laser that comprises:

a gain medium comprising an active region, the gain medium including an antireflective layer to prevent the laser from lasing off facets of the laser, the active region containing a quantum well to generate light, the quantum well having sides and cladding layers formed on the sides;

a tapered beam expanding region, optically coupled to the active region, the beam expanding region and being wider than the active region, the beam expanding region shaped to provide lateral broadening and vertical broadening or both;